

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims pending

- At time of the Action: Claims 1-20.
- After this Response: Claims 1-3, 6-13, 15-16, and 21-27.

Currently Amended claims: Claims 1 and 13.

Currently Cancelled claims: Claim 4-5, 14, and 17-20.

New claims: Claims 21-27.

1. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium comprising processor-executable instructions configured for:

receiving a request for information regarding a media object;

inferring the information from repeat instances of media objects occurring within one or more media streams; and

returning the information;

wherein the inferring comprises comparing temporal lengths of repeat instances of the media object with one another to determine different versions of the media object, the different versions of the media object selected from the group comprising:

a longest version of the media object;

a number of longer versions of the media object;

a shortest version of the media object; and

a number of shorter versions of the media object.

2. (Original) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the inferring comprises searching a database for the information, the database including media objects and records of repeat instances of the media objects.

3. (Original) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the inferring comprises:

monitoring the one or more media streams;

identifying the repeat instances; and

storing records of the repeat instances in a database.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the inferring comprises determining a number of related media objects, the related media objects occurring within a close temporal proximity of the media object with a higher frequency of repeat instances relative to one another.

7. (Original) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the inferring comprises matching a key word from the request with metadata extracted from a media object.

8. (Original) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the inferring comprises matching date and time information from the request with date and time information of a media object stored in a database.

9. (Original) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the inferring comprises limiting returned media objects based on constraints contained within the request.

10. (Original) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the inferring comprises identifying temporal endpoints of each repeat instance of the media object.

11. (Original) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 10, wherein the identifying is based on an identifier included in the request, the identifier selected from the group comprising:

a fingerprint of the media object; and

a time stamp and channel code associated with the media object.

12. (Original) A server computer comprising the processor-readable medium as recited in claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium comprising processor-executable instructions configured for:

receiving user input regarding a media object;

sending a request for an additional media object based on the user input;

receiving the additional media object; and
rendering the additional media object;
wherein the user input comprises a request for information that specifies
information items selected from the group comprising:
a current media station delivering the media object;
an identifier of the media object;
a command to retrieve a number of media objects that each include a
portion of the media object;
a command to retrieve a longest media object that includes a portion of the
media object;
a command to retrieve a number of related media objects;
a command to retrieve a number of most popular media objects;
a command to search across like media stations; and
a command to search across all media stations.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 13,
comprising further processor-executable instructions configured for rendering a
media stream that includes the media object.

16. (Original) A client computer comprising the processor-readable
medium as recited in claim 13.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A system comprising:

one or more processors; and

a processor-readable medium, executable on the one or more processors,
and comprising processor-executable instructions configured for:

receiving a request for information regarding a media object;

inferring the information from repeat instances of media objects
occurring within one or more media streams; and

returning the information;

wherein the inferring comprises comparing temporal lengths of
repeat instances of the media object with one another to determine different
versions of the media object, the different versions of the media object
selected from the group comprising:

a longest version of the media object;

a number of longer versions of the media object;

a shortest version of the media object; and

a number of shorter versions of the media object.

22. (New) A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the inferring comprises searching a database for the information, the database including media objects and records of repeat instances of the media objects.

23. (New) A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the inferring comprises:

monitoring the one or more media streams;

identifying the repeat instances; and

storing records of the repeat instances in a database.

24. (New) A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the inferring comprises determining a number of related media objects, the related media objects occurring within a close temporal proximity of the media object with a higher frequency of repeat instances relative to one another.

25. (New) A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the inferring comprises matching a key word from the request with metadata extracted from a media object.

26. (New) A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the inferring comprises matching date and time information from the request with date and time information of a media object stored in a database.

27. (New) A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the inferring comprises limiting returned media objects based on constraints contained within the request.